Amnesty Scheme for unauthorised construction

1205. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree with Municipal Corporation of Delhi's decision for approval of the "Amnesty Scheme" for regularisation of unauthorised construction in plots and farm houses as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 26th November, 1999;

(b) if so, the rationale behind "Amnesty Scheme" indicating full details thereof and implications arising therefrom;

(c) whether Government are also looking into another reported proposal of MCD recommending regularisation of non-hazardous commercial activities like shops and offices in existence in residential areas; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) Government of NCT of Delhi had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. V.K. Malhotra to submit suggestions/ objections before finalisation of the revised Building Bye-laws. Copy of the Report of the Malhotra Committee (Part II) containing an 'amnesty scheme' was forwarded to this Ministry by the Member-Secretary of the Malhotra Committee. Since the Committee was set up by Govt. of NCT of Delhi, they have been requested to forward the Report with their comments. The Report does not appear to have been formulated in consultation with all the Memebers originally appointed to the Committee. It is also not clear whether statutory provisions of the Delhi Master Plan/Zoning Regulations have been taken into consideration and whether the DDA's views in the matter have been obtained.

(c) MCD has reported that no such separate proposal has been submitted by it in this regard.

(d) Question does not arise.